

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please delete the section entitled "CROSS-REFERERNC E TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" in its entirety and substitute the following section therefor:

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS**

**[0001]** This application is related to U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/898832 (Atty. Docket CNTR.2024) entitled APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR SELECTIVELY ACCESSING DISPARATE INSTRUCTION BUFFER STAGES BASED ON BRANCH TARGET ADDRESS CACHE HIT AND INSTRUCTION STAGE WRAP (now U.S. Patent 6,823,444) having a common filing date and a common assignee, which is hereby incorporated by reference in its entirety for all purposes.